

VANDERBILT HAS EXCELLENT BASE-BALL PROSPECTS

With Chance At the Helm, the Yankees Look Good

May Duplicate Spurt Made By Washington Last Season. Giants Look as Formidable as Ever—Overall Wants a Chance to Come Back—Other Diamond Gossip

BY WALTER MARCHANT

New York, January 11.—New York fans are asking themselves if the Yankees are going to do the trick the Washingtons did last year; bounce out of the cellar with such a rush that they will go up near the top of the percentage table. I am not making any prophecies along this line, but it would be no stranger than the remarkable performance of Clark Griffith's men last year.

In both Ford and Warhop the Yankees have two pitchers who can pitch winning baseball when they have a team behind them which is really playing ball. Caldwell, Fisher and McConnell are also dangerous when they are working with success. In Cree, Walter and Chase—Chance has a trio which is hard to beat when it is going right. There are some other mighty good ball players in the bunch.

When Chance gets busy with them it is not at all improbable that he will whip them into a machine which will make the leaders hustle.

In any event the Yankees are worth watching.

An enterprising statistician has made the following discoveries which are worth preserving by the enthusiastic fan:

Pitching records, National league: Marquard, New York; Keefe, New York; 19 straight.

In American league: Wood, Boston; Johnson, Washington, 16 straight.

Consecutive wins, Providence, (N. L.), 1881, 20; Chicago, (American league) 1906, 19.

Consecutive defeats: Pittsburgh, (National league) 1890, 25; Boston (American league) 1906, 20.

Stolen base record: Harry Stovey, 1888, 156 steals.

Greatest number of runs scored in a season: Hamilton, Philadelphia, 1894, 126 runs.

Strike out record: Hugh Daly, Chicago, 1884, 20, for a season; Kilroy, Baltimore, 1884, 20.

Home run record: Buck Freeman, Washington, 1890, 25.

Record of victories: Chicago Cubs, 1906, 116.

Greatest number of games pitched: Radbourne, Providence, 1884, 72 games.

Record attendance: New York, October 14, 1911, 28,381.

Longest game: Boston vs Athletics, 1896, 24 innings.

McGraw, according to his custom, refuses to say that the Giants will win the pennant this season, but for all that it would appear that the team should be stronger than it was last year. Tesreau, who was more or less of an uncertainty quantity, is now recognized as an extraordinary pitcher with the ability to work frequently. All the veterans

Majors Prepare For Early Training

ALABAMA COACH AN EARLY BATTERY MATE OF TESREAU

CLUBS IN SOUTH EASTERN ANXIOUS FOR REORGANIZATION OF CIRCUIT

By A. D. MANNING

Since the statement was made in The Birmingham Age-Herald last Sunday to the effect that strenuous efforts would be made to reorganize the Southeastern league next season, the writer of this article has received direct communication from four cities of the circuit and one from Artie Riggs, erstwhile manager of the Huntsville and Talladega clubs, relative to the probability of reorganizing the Alabama and Georgia circuit.

From Anniston the writer stated that if the league was formed, and that under any reasonable salary limit would suit.

From the home of the president, W. J. Boykin of Gadsden, that city is eager that the league be reorganized and under the proposed changes in the by-laws as suggested, Gadsden, it is thought, will be the prime factor in the reorganizing and the president, Mr. Boykin, who is a fan, as well as a man prominent in Gadsden and popular throughout the circuit, is endeavoring to get a line on the cities and their wishes. If favorable, he will possibly call a meeting of those connected with the old league, or their representatives, for a reorganization and the perfecting of plans for the ensuing season.

Little can be heard from Rome, but the correspondent from that city states that Harry Matthews, last year's manager, would certainly be able to place a team in that city and that the fans were willing to back a team under his leadership.

In Talladega, the youngest member, there is expressed on all sides a great desire for a team and as Riggs made good here on last season, Talladega would probably place a team.

A letter has been received by the writer from Cedartown, Ga., stating that if the league was organized under the conditions already named, Cedartown fans would apply for a franchise. In the event that Decatur or Huntsville wish to secure franchises an eight club league will be formed or then one or two clubs will be voted upon for membership.

Artie Riggs, who is at his home in Little Rock writes that he will be on hand in a very few weeks and will assist in the organizing of the circuit.

Players throughout the old Southeastern, who were not sold or drafted last season are anxious to know, whether or not the Southeastern will be a factor next season. These players on the reserve list become free agents after February 1 if not tendered contracts prior to that time. This reason alone, makes the necessity of all clubs organizing before that time. Larry Brown, has been elected manager at Anniston and Harry Matthews at Rome and Riggs at Talladega, also Johnny Seigle is in command at Gadsden. These four are anxious to retain what players are bound until February 1 and wish something definite to be done prior to that time.

It is very likely the announcement of what date the first annual meeting will be held, will be given out within the next few days.

SUTTON PLEASD WITH NEW TIP

Says He Is Now Better With the Cue Than Ever Before

George Sutton, the veteran Chicago billiardist, is nothing if not happy, and all because of a newly found tip. In fact, Sutton, to use his own words, "has been transformed" from a very indifferent performer to a better player than he ever was in his life. And now for the discovery that bids fair to put George back in the championship race, and that are many days.

At the close of the recent 18.2 championship tournament in New York, which was won by William Hoppe, Sutton, who had made a poor showing, sought out a tip for his favorite 20 ounce cue that would suit his stroke. Casting aside his diminutive spongy tip, he tried one after another, but without result until as a last resort he hit upon what is known among professional billiardists as the Ives tip. This tip is much greater in circumference than that which Sutton had used for years, and it projects slightly over the edge of the cue, suggesting a mushroom. It is made of extremely hard leather, and is long, or rather high in shape.

From the first Sutton found the Ives tip to his liking, and immediately had four of them set on 20 ounce cues. Big runs and averages came with his first few practice whiffs, and so elated was George that he began to see visions of championship emblems, together with imaginary figures of Hoppe and Morningstar being dragged in the dust to defeat Challenges to the title holders quickly followed, and this is the secret of Sutton's match with Morningstar at Pittsburgh on January 18 for the 18.1 championship, and that at New York February 5, with Hoppe, for the 18.2 crown.

And Sutton said only recently that he was supremely confident of beating both Morningstar and Hoppe, in which event he would have nothing to thank but the Ives tip.

Sutton will continue to practice daily for his 18.1 match with Morningstar, and will leave Chicago for Pittsburgh on January 17, one day before the battle.

Koji Yamada, the wonderful Japanese player, and George F. Slosson of New York, opened their six nights' match of 200 points at Mussey's rooms, Chicago, before a big crowd. All the fans were anxious to see the little Jap in action, and his novel but none the less brilliant work pleased them. His mass shots and ability to play quickly well with either hand appealed particularly to Chicago lovers of the game, just as his cleverness had to the fans of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York.

Motorcycling In Winter

Winter runs, which are being planned and conducted by many motorcycle clubs throughout the country, demonstrate that the motorcycle is an "all-the-year-round" machine.

Fair skies and summer breezes are appreciated by motorcyclists, but they are not willing to forego the pleasures of motorcycling activities. Its members have formed a winter riding squad and a series of snow runs during the winter months has been planned.

The first is booked for January 32, when the motorcyclists will take a spin of 35 miles to the famous Fort Ancient Hills.

The Wanderers' Motorcycle club of Toronto, Ont., also has its "hat in the ring."

Its members propose to continue the club runs right on through the winter, regardless of the snow and the cold.

HANS WAGNER IS "YOUNGEST" OF MAJOR LEAGUE VETERANS

Hans Wagner, the Pittsburgh shortstop, is one of the "youngest" veterans in the National league ranks. Physicians ascribe the German's greatness to his roving disposition, his fondness for nature and his habit of eating what he pleases.

In commenting upon Wagner's ability to keep in good shape year after year, James Jerg of Pittsburgh, who has known the great shortstop for a number of years, says:

"When a man of his natural physique can eat what he wants, drink what he wants and do what he pleases in the open air all the year around, it isn't any real wonder that he prolongs his athletic career and stands out the slowest and steepest of the years go by."

"Honus is the living ideal of the simple life. He clings to nature. He spends his fall and winter in the woods and the spare time of the summer at the banks of a stream, fishing. He loves the freedom of the open air and he is at home in the wildest woods. He has the nature of an Indian in this respect. You don't catch Honus browsing around in the city on the streets of his home town. He keeps to himself or in his own pet little circle of woodmen."

"I have known him personally for years and I know that his fondness for hunting and fishing and life in the open air has kept him from going to the discard as a really great player. Honus roams the woods from pure desire. He doesn't worry. He sleeps a lot and he eats what he pleases and when he pleases. Ham and eggs look good to him three times a day. Between meals he seeks the open air—either in his automobile or on foot."

"Honus has a poetic nature in this respect, although he is anything but a poet."

Many Boxers Have Nom de Plumes

Atlanta, Ga., January 11.—(Special.)—

In scanning the latest official boxing guides, one is surprised to see how many of the stars of the boxing firmament travel under aliases, assumed names or nicknames.

There are just about as many boxers in the game today battling under a nomdeplume as there are boxing under their right cognomen. Here are a few of them their fighting name being given first, then their right name.

Harry Lewis—Henry Besterman. Ray Brown—John R. Brown. Knockout Brown—Valentine Braun. Jim Flynn—Andrew Chirigione. Paeky McFarland—Patrick McFarland. Battling Nelson—Oscar Matthews Nelson.

Frankie Conley—Francesco Conte. Leach Cross—Dr. Louis C. Wallach. Jack Britton—William J. Breslin. Kid Williams—Johnny Guengo. Young Jack O'Brien—John Thomas Augustine Hagan.

NEW ORLEANS PHENOM ONCE VICTIM OF "ELEVATOR" GAG

When a baseball player becomes famous, it is then the order of things to find out something concerning his early career. Nick Cullop, former star twirler of the Bristol panna winners in the Appalachian league in 1912, and now with New Orleans in the Southern league, has become famous because it is said that he will be sold to the Cleveland Americans by the New Orleans club for \$12,500.

"Cullop started his professional baseball career with the Knoxville team in 1910. 'Billy' Meyer, perhaps the best known catcher in the Appalachian league, and a member of the Knoxville club, who will also graduate into higher company next season, has the following to say about Cullop's first professional baseball journey:

"Members of the Knoxville club will remember that when Cullop joined the local team in 1910, he was not very well acquainted with hotel rules.

"When the Knoxville team journeyed to Rome, Ga., for a series of three games this trip was Cullop's initial journey with a professional baseball team. The first day at Rome the team was stopping at the Third Avenue hotel. 'Legs' Martin, who was always known among the players as the 'kiddie,' pulled this one on Cullop:

"'Cul, have you paid your elevator fare?' Cullop replied that he had not. 'Well,' said Martin, 'just pay me the 25 cents per day and I will settle for you.'

"Cullop came across with the coin, and for three days thought Martin's stamps and Coca Cola with the elevator fare.

"When the team reached Gadsden, Cul-

lop had not been 'put wise' to the joke. While at the hotel in Gadsden the members of the team noticed that Cullop would not ride the elevator, but hiked up three flights of stairs each day to his room on the third floor. When the team had finished the series, the 'wise ones' put the hotel clerk 'next' and he promptly presented Cullop with an elevator bill amounting to \$1.50. When Cullop read the bill he was almost prostrated, and he made his line for the clerk. He was angry, and the mistake must be corrected at once.

"You had no right to charge me with elevator fare. I have been in the elevator a single time since I have been here. Furthermore, I have hiked it up those stairs every day. Pay elevator fare! I guess not!"

"In order to save the hotel clerk from serious injury Manager Moffett had to step into the breach and explain matters. From that time on no one dared mention 'elevator fare' to Cullop without taking desperate chances on his own life."

Nashville, January 11.—(Special.)—Baseball prospects at Vanderbilt are very promising according to campus reports. Ray Morrison and Freeland will be missed as both were baseball as well as football standbys, while Kent Morrison's absence will weaken the box department, but there are said to be several new men with good prep records ready to try out for infield, outfield and box work.

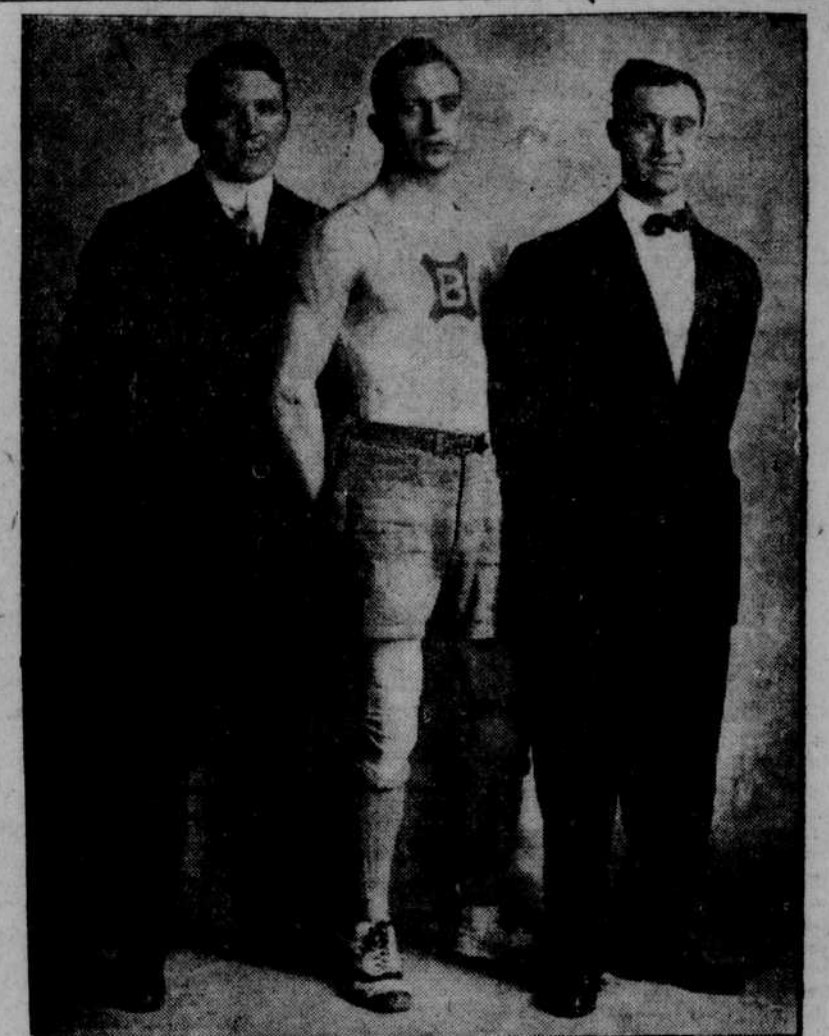
Captain Walter Morgan will likely move from the outfield to first base, not only for the purpose of being nearer the action of the game and to fill Freeland's shoes at the first corner with an experienced man, but although he has not hitherto tackled the job, he looks the first sacker all over. He is rangy, has a fine reach and is a left-hand thrower. He is one of the best hitters Vanderbilt has had in years.

Among other notable returning are Hardage, who may also try for an infield berth this year; Collins, who ought to improve, although he was considered about the best S. I. A. A. pitcher last year; Dick Lyle, infielder, and Rabbit Robbins and Nuck Brown, handy utility men. Sikes is expected to try for a twirler's place this year. He was a good prep school heaver, but did not make the effort at baseball last spring. Tom Shea, the Memphis freshman, who made such a fine showing in football, is one of the most extensively touted newcomers. Shea is known to be a finished player and is counted upon surely to cop an infield job.

Professor Sanborn of the faculty will again coach the team.

Considerable improvements are planned in the field and stands this spring. A row of new boxes will be put in the north side football seats and the field, which has become rough and worn, will be completely overhauled.

THREE BIG ASSETS OF B. A. C. BASKETBALL STRENGTH



Manager Bill Streit, Capt. Briscoe and Coach Nespor of the Birmingham Athletic Club. Considerable credit is due these men for the early success of the local basketball artists

BANGOR, MAINE, WINS FROM BIRMINGHAM RIFLE TEAM

Washington, January 11.—Eastern league results in the first match of the series of gallery shooting competitions for the new national trophy given by the war department were as follows: Bangor, Me., defeated Birmingham, 93 to 82; Portland, Me., defeated Brooklyn, 94 to 81; District of Columbia defeated New Orleans, 93 to 75; Warren, Pa., defeated Manchester, N. H., 98 to 92; Bridgeport, Conn., with a score of 90, won by default from Philadelphia, Erie, Pa., with a score of 81 won by default from New Haven, Conn.

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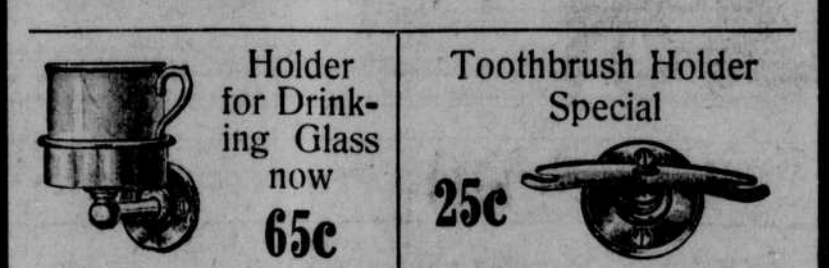
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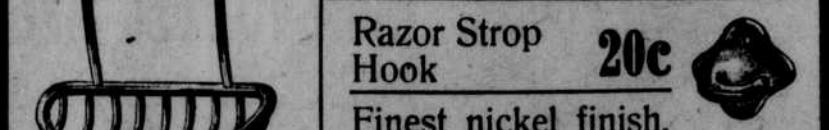
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